

John E. Holland et al. Serial No. **08/957,431** Filed: October 24, 1997

For: LAMINATED FABRIC

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

## RESPONSE TO DECISION REFUSING STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47 (a)

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 10, 2000 entitled Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a), Applicant herewith submits the following:

A copy of the original Declaration signed by two of the inventors, John E. Holland and Connie W. Holland on September 24, 1999, which now has been originally executed by the third inventor, David V. Cunningham on February 18, 2000.

## Remarks

Applicant submits that the earlier filed Petition to Accept Declaration on Behalf of an Unwilling Inventor Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is now a moot issue in view of the fact that the Declaration has now been executed by inventor David V. Cunningham. Mr. Cunningham changed his mind about signing the Declaration in February 2000. The Power of Attorney and Statement Claiming Small Entity Status filed on October 8, 1999 have been accepted.

In view of the above, Applicant requests that the enclosed Declaration be accepted as now completing the filing requirements of the Patent and Trademark Office.

If any further Extension of Time or additional fees for the accompanying Response are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1164.

Respectfully submitted/

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